GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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OFC IN TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the telephone exchanges have been provided with OFC in Maharashtra and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; location wise; and

(c) if not, by when all the telephone exchanges are likely to be provided with OFC in these States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in the view of (a) above.

(c) 4603 out of total 4734 exchanges in Maharashtra Circle and all the 2678 exchanges in Karnataka Circle have been provided with reliable media. Remaining exchanges in Maharashtra Circle are likely to be connected with reliable media by 30.06.2003. There is no plan to provide all exchanges with optical fibre cable. In MTNL Mumbai, all the exchanges (96 Main and 93 RLU/RSU/RDLU exchanges) have been interlinked with OFC cable.